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the molten metal not solidified by the first cooling roll, said cooling rolls being spaced apart by a gap of a size greater than thickness of metal thin bodies.

Please add new Claims 11-13 as shown below:

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11. (New) A metal-flake manufacturing apparatus comprising, a first cooling roll, a nozzle is arranged to eject molten metal on a surface of the first cooling roll not tangentially but in a direction of collision with the latter, said first cooling roll adapted to quench the molten metal from the nozzle into metal thin bodies and at least a second cooling roll on which the produced metal thin bodies are hit into flakes, said second cooling roll also serving for solidification of the molten metal not solidified by the first cooling roll, said cooling rolls being spaced apart by a gap of a size greater than thickness of metal thin bodies,

wherein said nozzle and said cooling rolls are placed in atmospheric gas and windbreak members are arranged to prevent the atmospheric gas from being swirled by the rotating cooling rolls.

12. (New) A metal-flake manufacturing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein gas from atmospheric gas supply nozzles for supplying said atmospheric gas is directed to guide the metal flakes toward a storage box in which metal flakes are to be stored.

13. (New) A metal-flake manufacturing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said storage box has a cooler for cooling the metal flakes stored.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending; Claims 11-13 have been newly added; Claim 4 has been cancelled; and Claim 1 has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by this amendment.